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To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: Executive Director's Report.

Mailing packet:

- Pending Projects Memo
- Update on Pending Legislation
- Update on Category III Ecosystem Grants

Handouts:

Public Hearing for Big Break Park sponsored by East Bay Regional Park District

A final seismic report on Delta levees prepared by CALFED.

A memo from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service supporting participation in the wetlands conservation program.

Since the last meeting:

Debby Eddy has gone on a medical leave and hopes to be back mid-October. I am very pleased to introduce Juanita Crane, a temporary employee, who is doing an excellent job helping out.

The contract with State Lands Commission for Administrative and Budget Services has been signed and their service has been excellent--by all staff involved.

Meetings attended by staff since the last meeting include:

Retreat/One Day meeting for directors of all the agencies in the Resources Agency.

Two meetings of the Technical Advisory Panel for the Delta Dredging Reuse Strategy (CALFED-funded project).

Two meetings of the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee.

Meeting with Sacramento County Parks Department staff about projects in the Delta.

Senate Budget Hearing on the Commission's funds for FY 00-01.

Meeting with CalTrans staff to review the Highway 160 guardrail project.

CALFED Meetings: Policy Group Meeting; BDAC Meeting; Management Team Meetings; Levees and Channels Technical Work Group; Meeting of the Ad Hoc

Recreation Group (CALFED); Meeting of CALFED North Delta Improvements Group.

Assisted in final steps in preparation of a new Category III grant application for Delta In-Channel Islands Pilot Project (Phase II-construction).

A workshop held to develop ideas of how to address problems in the historic community of Locke: need sewage treatment system upgrade and method to address underlying land ownership.

Meeting with new Port of Stockton Director, Richard Aeschierus regarding opportunities for dredge material reuse in the Delta with other members of the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee.

Great Valley Center's Mosaic Conference

Resource person for tour of Delta for Water Education Foundation Water Leadership program.

Meeting with the State Clearinghouse re: Delta Protection Commission

Update on CALFED:

CALFED is currently being discussed in high level meetings between the Secretary of the Interior and representatives of the Governor and the Secretary for Resources. The BDAC--the forum for stakeholder and public discussion-- of the CALFED program has held its last meeting. The co-chairs have prepared a letter to CALFED; you received a copy tonight. The Policy Group meeting for May 24 was cancelled. The schedule for the final environmental impact report is all changes to be in by June 19; with printing and release for public review in July. I believe the current proposal is to release the FEIR first, and then release a draft Record of Decision for a 30-day circulation. Final actions are expected in September.

Miscellaneous Reminder:

All travel claims for FY 99-00 are due on July 1, so any Commissioners that file for travel expenses should submit those to staff as soon as possible.